

REMARKS

Claims 17-23 are pending. Claims 20-22 are cancelled herewith. Thus, claims 17-19 and 23 are under examination.

Claim 23 was amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error.

Priority

Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the current status of the parent application, which is now an issued U.S. Patent. Applicants believe that this amendment perfects the claim to priority.

Double Patenting

Claims 17-19 and 23 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,258,534. A terminal disclaimer and the requisite fee are filed herewith, thus overcoming the rejection.

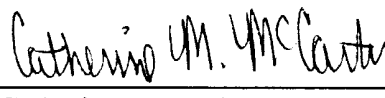
Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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